Supply and Sale Price of Rice

3213. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the price being charged by Government for rice being supplied to Gujarat State for public distribution system;

(b) the price charged by Gujarat State while distributing rice through public distribution system; and

(c) the prices charged while distributing rice in Adivasi areas, rural areas and in the urban areas of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c). The Central issue prices of rice for PDS are given below. They are applicable uniformly to all the States including Gujarat:

Variety of rice	Price per quintal (Rs.)
Common	244
Fine	304
Superfine	325

The retail consumer prices for PDS are fixed by the Gujarat State Government taking into account the Central issue prices and their own distribution costs. The ITDP end retail prices of rice, at present, fixed by Government of Gujarat, are Rs. 220, Rs. 280 and Rs. 300 for common, fine and superfine varieties of rice respectively.

Central assistance to the States deficit in foodgrains production

3214. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government gives any assistance to States which are deficit in the production of foodgrains; and

(b) if so, whether the assistance given enables them to increase agricultural production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Central assistance is provided to the States on the basis of the crop development schemes required to be implemented in each State, depending upon the potential and scope for maximisation of foodgrains production in the State. The Central assistance for particular scheme helps the States to enable them to increase the production of that particular commodity.

Target for construction of houses under Indira Awas Yojana in Orissa

3215. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of targets fixed for construction of houses under the Indira Awas Yojana in Orissa for the last three years;

(b) the extent to which these targets have been achieved and the number of families benefited during the each year; and

(c) if targets were not achieved in any years, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OE RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The number of houses which could be constructed in Orissa during the last three financial years namely, 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 out

of the resources made available to the State under the Indira Awas Yojana, were 6900, 6900 and 5825 respectively.

(b) On the basis of the information received from the State Government, the number of houses constructed/allotted to the target group under the yojana during the year 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 in the State, are 4485, 7091 and 6563 respectively.

(c) The performance of the State Government during the last three financial years, under the Yojana is satisfactory.

HUDCO assistance to Assam Municipal Corporations

3216. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the financial assistance given by HUDCO to Assam Municipal Corporation for different Housing Schemes; during the last three years; and

(b) whether Weaker sections had been covered by the above schemes and the financial assistance proposed to be given to the Corporation during the year, 1989-90 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) There is only one municipal Corporation in the State of Assam i.e. Guwahati Municipal Corporation. HUDCO has not sanctioned any loans to Guhawati MunicipalCorporation for housing schemes. However, during the last 3 years HUDCO has sanctioned 2 commercial Schemes to the Guwahati Municipal Corporation for a total loan of Rs. 2.52 crores.

(b) During the year 1989-90 an allocation of Rs. 7.39 crores has been made for the state of Assam, out of which Rs. 3·12 crores is for Economically Weaker Sections.' HUDCO will sanction housing schemes for the Economically Weaker Sections provided suitable schemes are formulated by the Guwahati Municipal Corporation as per HUDCO guidelines ?

Import of sugar

3217. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to import sugar; if so, how India is going to compensate rupees in foreign exchange; and

(b) what is the sugar price per metric tonne in the world market ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Quantum and schedule of import of sugar are decided after considering domestic stock, production, consumption of sugar, current price and expected trend in internal market and sugar price in International Market. It is not in public interest to disclose such details.

(b) London daily prices for white sugar on FOB basis during July, 1989 were in the range of US $ 424—509.50 PMT.

Filling up of backlog vacancies of SC/ST in National level cooperative federations.

3218. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to fill up the backlog of reserved vacancies for SC/ST persons in National level Cooperative Federations ;